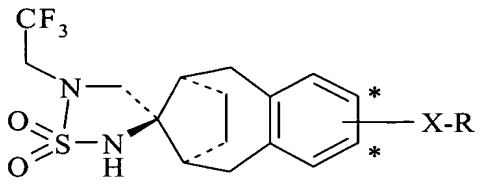
Amendments to the Claims:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

Claim 1(Original) A compound of formula I:



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wherein the moiety X-R is attached at one of the positions indicated by an asterisk;
X is a 5-(R-substituted)-1,2,4-oxadiazol-3-yl moiety; and
R is selected from:

(i) a non-aromatic hydrocarbon group of up to 10 carbon atoms, optionally substituted with halogen, CF_3, CHF_2, CN, OH, CO_2H, C_{2-6}acyl, C_{1-4}alkoxy or C_{1-4}alkoxycarbonyl;

(ii) a non-aromatic heterocyclic group comprising up to 7 ring atoms of which up to 3 are chosen from N, O and S and the remainder are carbon, bearing 0-3 substituents independently selected from oxo, halogen, CN, C_{1-6}alkyl, OH, CF_3, CHF_2, CH_2F, C_{2-6}acyl, CO_2H, C_{1-4}alkoxy and C_{1-4}alkoxycarbonyl; and

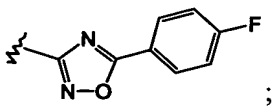
(iii) phenyl or 6-membered heteroaryl, either of which bears 0-3 substituents independently selected from halogen, CF_3, CHF_2, CH_2F, NO_2, CN, OCF_3, C_{1-6}alkyl and C_{1-6}alkoxy;
or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

Claim 2 (Original) A compound according to claim 1 which is homochiral and is [6S,9R,11R]2',3',4',5,5',6,7,8,9,10-decahydro-2-(5-(R-substituted)-1,2,4-oxadiazol-3-yl)-5'-(2,2,2-trifluoroethyl)spiro[6,9-methanobenzocyclooctene-11,3'-[1,2,5]thiadiazole] 1',1'-dioxide, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

Claim 3 (Original) A compound according to claim 1 or claim 2 wherein R represents phenyl or a 6-membered heteroaryl, either of which bears 0-3 substituents independently selected from halogen, CF_3, CHF_2, CH_2F, NO_2, CN, OCF_3, C_{1-6}alkyl and C_{1-6}alkoxy.

Claim 4 (Original) A compound according to claim 3 wherein R is selected from monohalophenyl, dihalophenyl, pyridyl, monohalopyridyl and trifluoromethylpyridyl, wherein "halo" refers to fluoro or chloro.

Claim 5 (Original) A compound according to claim 1 or claim 2 wherein the moiety -X-R is selected from:



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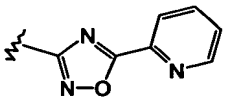

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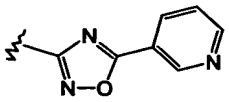

Claim 6 (Amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound according to ~~any previous~~ claim 1 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

Claim 7-8 Cancelled

Claim 9 (Amended) A method of treatment of a subject suffering from or prone to Alzheimer's disease which comprises administering to that subject an effective amount of a compound according to claim 1 ~~any of claims 1-5~~.